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THE ARTICLE

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Mr Orcutt also believes cyclists should be taxed to use the roads. He said it was unfair that motorists have to pay all of the costs of building and repairing roads. He wrote: "Currently motorists are paying to use their cars on the roads...so if cars pay for the roads they are using, it only makes sense that bicyclists would also be required to pay for the roads they use when they are actually biking on them." Dale Carlson, owner of the Tech Bike Shop said Mr Orcutt's ideas were wrong. He wrote: "People who choose to ride a bicycle instead of driving a car actively reduce congestion." He added: "They save wear and tear on our roads and bridges, and reduce the [need for police] to patrol our highways."

Sources: <http://blog.cascade.org/2013/03/legislator-to-small-business-owner-bicycling-bad-for-the-environment/>
<http://seattlebikeblog.com/2013/03/02/state-lawmaker-says-bicycling-is-not-good-for-the-environment-should-be-taxed/>

WARM-UPS

1. CYCLING: Walk around the class and talk to other students about cycling. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, decide which of these topics or words from the article are most interesting and which are most boring.

cycling / road tax / increased heart rate / CO2 / greenhouse gas / polluting / driving / cyclists / unfair / motorists / repairing roads / reduce congestion / wear and tear

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. TAX: What are the reasons for and against taxing these things? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	For	Against
Cycling		
Ice cream		
Using a beach		
Mobile phones		
Shopping		
Sport		

4. ROAD TAX: Students A **strongly** believe there should be one; Students B **strongly** believe there shouldn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

5. BAD FOR THE EARTH: Rank these and share your rankings with your partner. Put the worst at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- cycling
- cigarettes
- Coca Cola
- golf
- airplanes
- air conditioners
- GM food
- McDonald's

6. ENVIRONMENT: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word 'environment'. Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

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1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. An American environmentalist said cycling harms the environment. T / F
- b. Ed Orcutt said cyclists should pay a tax to ride on the roads. T / F
- c. Ed Orcutt said cycling increases CO2 in the environment. T / F
- d. Mr Orcutt said a cyclist produces more CO2 than a car driver. T / F
- e. Orcutt said it was fair that motorists paid road tax and cyclists didn't. T / F
- f. A bike shop owner disagreed with Mr Orcutt's ideas. T / F
- g. The bike shop owner said cyclists increase the number of traffic jams. T / F
- h. The owner said more cyclists would mean more police cars on the road. T / F

2. SYNONYM MATCH: Match the following synonyms from the article.

- | | |
|-------------------|-----------------|
| 1. roads | a. damage |
| 2. outline | b. producing |
| 3. carbon dioxide | c. car drivers |
| 4. greater | d. decrease |
| 5. giving off | e. highways |
| 6. motorists | f. traffic jams |
| 7. repairing | g. larger |
| 8. congestion | h. summarise |
| 9. wear and tear | i. fixing |
| 10. reduce | j. CO2 |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|---|---------------------------------|
| 1. An American | a. tear on our roads |
| 2. cyclists should pay a tax | b. of riding a bicycle |
| 3. the owner of a | c. to ride their bikes |
| 4. an increased heart | d. have to pay all of the costs |
| 5. there's no pollution as a result | e. sense |
| 6. He said it was unfair that motorists | f. local bike shop |
| 7. it only makes | g. patrol our highways |
| 8. bicyclists would also be | h. lawmaker |
| 9. They save wear and | i. required to pay |
| 10. reduce the need for police to | j. rate and respiration |

GAP FILL

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An American (1) _____ has said cycling is bad for the environment. He also said cyclists should pay a (2) _____ to ride their bikes on the roads. Ed Orcutt, a representative from Washington State, sent an e-mail to the (3) _____ of a local bike shop to outline his thinking. He wrote: "A cyclist has an increased heart (4) _____ and respiration. That means that the act of riding a bike results in greater (5) _____ of carbon dioxide from the rider. Since CO2 is...a greenhouse gas...cyclists are actually (6) _____ when they ride." Mr Orcutt said: "You can't just say that there's no pollution as a (7) _____ of riding a bicycle....You would be giving (8) _____ more CO2 if you are riding a bike than driving in a car."

result
rate
tax
off
emissions
lawmaker
polluting
owner

Mr Orcutt also believes cyclists should be (9) _____ to use the roads. He said it was unfair that motorists have to pay all of the costs of building and (10) _____ roads. He wrote: "Currently motorists are paying to use their cars on the roads...so if cars pay for the roads they are (11) _____, it only makes sense that bicyclists would also be (12) _____ to pay for the roads they use when they are actually biking on them." Dale Carlson, owner of the Tech Bike Shop said Mr Orcutt's ideas were (13) _____. He wrote: "People who choose to ride a bicycle instead of driving a car actively (14) _____ congestion." He added: "They save (15) _____ and tear on our roads and bridges, and reduce the [need for police] to (16) _____ our highways."

wrong
wear
repairing
patrol
using
taxed
reduce
required

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check

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- 1) An American lawmaker has said cycling is _____.
 - a. bad from the environment
 - b. bad of the environment
 - c. bad for the environment
 - d. bad as the environment
- 2) He also said cyclists should _____ their bikes on the roads.
 - a. pay the tax to ride
 - b. pay a tax to ride
 - c. pay a taxi to ride
 - d. pay a tax to rid
- 3) A cyclist has an increased heart _____.
 - a. ray tan respiration
 - b. rate and reparation
 - c. rates and respiration
 - d. rate and respiration
- 4) You can't just say that there's no pollution _____ a bicycle
 - a. as a result of riding
 - b. as the result of riding
 - c. as a result from riding
 - d. as a result if riding
- 5) You would _____ CO2 if you are riding a bike than driving in a car.
 - a. be giving on more
 - b. be giving off more
 - c. be giving over more
 - d. be giving up more
- 6) He said it was unfair that motorists have to pay _____.
 - a. all of the cost
 - b. all of the coasts
 - c. all of the cots
 - d. all of the costs
- 7) it _____ that bicyclists would also be required to pay for the roads
 - a. only makes cents
 - b. only make sense
 - c. only makes sense
 - d. only makes senses
- 8) People who choose to ride a bicycle instead of driving a car _____.
 - a. actively reduce congestion
 - b. active reduce congestion
 - c. activate reduce congestion
 - d. actively reduces congestion
- 9) They save _____ on our _____.
 - a. tear and wear / roads and bridges
 - b. wear and tear / bridges and roads
 - c. tear and wear / bridges and roads
 - d. wear and tear / roads and bridges
- 10) _____ police to patrol our highways
 - a. reduces the need for
 - b. reduce the needs for
 - c. reduce the need for
 - d. reduce the needy for

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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Mr Orcutt also believes cyclists should (7) _____ roads. He said it was unfair that motorists (8) _____ the costs of building and repairing roads. He wrote: "Currently motorists are paying to use their cars on the roads...(9) _____ the roads they are using, it only makes sense that bicyclists would also (10) _____ the roads they use when they are actually biking on them." Dale Carlson, owner of the Tech Bike Shop said Mr Orcutt's ideas were wrong. He wrote: "People who choose to ride a bicycle instead of driving a car (11) _____." He added: "They save wear and tear on our roads and bridges, and reduce the [need for police] (12) _____."

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1303/130305-cycling.html>

1. Who said cycling was bad for the environment?

2. To whom did the guy send an e-mail?

3. What did the guy say increased because of riding a bike?

4. What did the guy say CO2 was?

5. What did he say about riding a bicycle and driving a car?

6. What did the guy want to tax cyclists for?

7. What do motorists have to pay for?

8. Who is Dale Carlson?

9. What do bike riders help reduce?

10. How do cyclists help roads and bridges?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1303/130305-cycling.html>

1. What is Ed Orcutt's job
 - a) a cyclist
 - b) a lawmaker
 - c) an environmentalist
 - d) a bike shop owner
2. Why did Ed Orcutt write an e-mail?
 - a) to ask for bicycled to be banned in the city
 - b) to complain about a dangerous cyclist
 - c) to ask about the price of a Tour de France bike
 - d) to summarise his thoughts
3. A cyclist has an increased heart rate and _____.
 - a) respiration
 - b) expiration
 - c) exhalation
 - d) relaxation
4. What did Ed Orcutt say cyclists do when they ride?
 - a) dispute
 - b) commute
 - c) pollute
 - d) compute
5. What did Ed Orcutt say cyclists give off when they ride?
 - a) BO
 - b) CO2
 - c) NO2
 - d) C3PO
6. Who currently has to pay for building roads?
 - a) car drivers
 - b) the White House
 - c) taxpayers
 - d) cyclists
7. Who is Dale Carlson?
 - a) mayor of a town
 - b) a politician
 - c) a bike shop owner
 - d) a champion cyclist
8. What did Mr Carlson say cyclists actively reduce?
 - a) traffic problems
 - b) the need for bicycles
 - c) health problems
 - d) blisters on the feet
9. What did Mr Carlson say cyclists save?
 - a) damage to bridges and roads
 - b) petrol
 - c) thousands of dollars
 - d) lives
10. What did Mr Carlson say cyclists reduce the need for?
 - a) cycling shorts
 - b) 4WD cars
 - c) highways
 - d) police patrols

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Motorist

You think it's unfair that cyclists use the roads but do not pay tax. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell the cyclist (s)he must pay tax to cycle on the roads. Tell him/her that there is more CO2 from cyclists' breath than from cars, so they should cycle less.

Role B – Cyclist

You think all cars should be banned. Tell the others three reasons why. You think cycling is the healthiest transportation and everyone should cycle to save the environment. You think all society would be better if people cycled instead of drove. You think there is no such thing as "green" gasoline.

Role C – Environmentalist

You think cars are a major reason for global warming. You think people should switch from cars to bicycles. Tell the others three reasons why. You disagree with everything the motorist and oil company boss say. The oil company boss is interested in money, not the environment.

Role D – Oil company boss

You are tired of people saying cars create global warming. Tell the others three reasons why. Your company produces "green" gasoline that helps protect the environment. Cyclists who want drivers to stop driving and use a bicycle are crazy. Everyone needs a car (or two).

AFTER READING / LISTENING

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1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'pay' and 'tax'.

pay	tax
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• bad• owner• local• greater• actually• giving	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• unfair• currently• sense• required• choose• wear
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CYCLING SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about cycling in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

CYCLING DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

- a) What did you think when you read the headline?
- b) What springs to mind when you hear the word 'cycling'?
- c) What do you think of cycling?
- d) Do you agree with Ed Orcutt that cycling is bad for the environment?
- e) Should cyclists cycle less to reduce CO2 emissions?
- f) What do you think cyclists think of Mr Orcutt's comments?
- g) What are the benefits of cycling?
- h) Is your town good for cyclists?

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CYCLING DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

- a) Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
- b) Do you think there should be a cycling tax to help pay for roads?
- c) Is it unfair that motorists pay for the building and repair of roads?
- d) What problems would be reduced if people cycled instead of drove?
- e) Are we becoming more or less of a car-driving world?
- f) Could you / your family survive without a car?
- g) How would your life / health change if you cycled everywhere?
- h) What questions would you like to ask Ed Orcutt?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

MULTIPLE CHOICE - LANGUAGE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) lawman | (b) lawyer | (c) lawnmower | (d) lawmaker |
| 2. | (a) taxing | (b) taxes | (c) taxi | (d) tax |
| 3. | (a) owns | (b) owner | (c) owning | (d) own |
| 4. | (a) desperation | (b) perspiration | (c) respiration | (d) relaxation |
| 5. | (a) greenish | (b) Greenland | (c) greenhouse | (d) greenie |
| 6. | (a) giving | (b) taking | (c) moving | (d) doing |
| 7. | (a) fair | (b) unfair | (c) unfairly | (d) fairly |
| 8. | (a) motorists | (b) motors | (c) motored | (d) motorist |
| 9. | (a) useful | (b) using | (c) usable | (d) used |
| 10. | (a) bicycles | (b) biker | (c) biking | (d) cyclists |
| 11. | (a) for | (b) from | (c) of | (d) as |
| 12. | (a) bear | (b) fear | (c) pear | (d) tear |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. An American amealrwk
2. lscytcs should pay a tax
3. greater isimssneo
4. CO2 is a eerusnoghe gas
5. poiulglnt when they ride
6. as a rteusl of riding a bicycle

Paragraph 2

7. sotismort have to pay all of the costs
8. narrigipe roads
9. be erueirqd to pay
10. adnitse of driving
11. actively reduce togienscno
12. loptar our highways

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

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Number these lines in the correct order.

- () that motorists have to pay all of the costs of building and repairing roads. He wrote: "Currently motorists
- () and respiration. That means that the act of riding a bike results in greater emissions of carbon
- (**1**) An American lawmaker has said cycling is bad for the environment. He also said cyclists should pay a
- () congestion." He added: "They save wear and tear on our roads and bridges, and reduce the [need for police] to patrol our highways."
- () dioxide from the rider. Since CO2 is...a greenhouse gas...cyclists are actually polluting when they
- () to the owner of a local bike shop to outline his thinking. He wrote: "A cyclist has an increased heart rate
- () You would be giving off more CO2 if you are riding a bike than driving in a car."
- () biking on them." Dale Carlson, owner of the Tech Bike Shop said Mr Orcutt's ideas were
- () are paying to use their cars on the roads...so if cars pay for the roads they are using, it only makes
- () ride." Mr Orcutt said: "You can't just say that there's no pollution as a result of riding a bicycle....
- () tax to ride their bikes on the roads. Ed Orcutt, a representative from Washington State, sent an e-mail
- () wrong. He wrote: "People who choose to ride a bicycle instead of driving a car actively reduce
- () Mr Orcutt also believes cyclists should be taxed to use the roads. He said it was unfair
- () sense that bicyclists would also be required to pay for the roads they use when they are actually

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. to pay on ride a Cyclists the their tax should roads bikes.

2. of Riding results emissions bike greater CO2 a in.

3. Cyclists ride they when polluting actually are.

4. of riding a bicycle There's no pollution as a result.

5. off more CO2 if you are riding a bike Giving.

6. motorists was costs all have unfair of to that It the pay.

7. Currently use motorists their are cars paying to.

8. required to pay for the roads Cyclists would also be.

9. bridges They save wear and tear on our roads and.

10. to highways the police our Reduce for patrol need.

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

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An American *lawmaker* / *lawman* has said cycling is bad for the environment. He also said cyclists should *raise* / *pay* a tax to ride their bikes on the roads. Ed Orcutt, a representative from Washington State, sent an e-mail to the *owner* / *owned* of a local bike shop to *outline* / *outfit* his thinking. He wrote: "A cyclist has an increased heart rate and *desperation* / *respiration*. That means that the act *of* / *for* riding a bike results in greater *emissions* / *emits* of carbon dioxide from the rider. Since CO2 is...a greenhouse gas...cyclists are *actually* / *actual* polluting when they ride." Mr Orcutt said: "You can't just say that there's no pollution as a *result* / *cause* of riding a bicycle....You would be *given* / *giving* off more CO2 if you are riding a bike than driving in a car."

Mr Orcutt also *believes* / *beliefs* cyclists should be taxed to use the roads. He said it was *unfairly* / *unfair* that motorists have to pay all of the costs of building and *repairing* / *fixed* roads. He wrote: "*Currently* / *Currency* motorists are *paving* / *paying* to use their cars on the roads...so if cars pay for the roads they are using, it only makes *cents* / *sense* that bicyclists would also be *required* / *requires* to pay for the roads they use when they are actually biking *on* / *of* them." Dale Carlson, owner of the Tech Bike Shop said Mr Orcutt's ideas were *wrong* / *wronged*. He wrote: "People who choose to ride a bicycle instead of driving a car actively reduce congestion." He added: "They save wear and *tear* / *worn* on our roads and bridges, and reduce the [need for police] to patrol our highways."

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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r _pr _s _nt _t _v _ fr _m W _sh _ngt _n St _t _ , s _nt _n _-m _l
t _ th _ _wn _r _f _ l _c _l b _k _ sh _p _t _ _tl _n _ h _s
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dr _v _ng _n _c _r."

Mr _rc _tt _ls _ b _l _v _s cycl _sts sh _ld b _ t _x _d t _ _s _
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PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <http://www.BreakingNewsEnglish.com/1303/130305-cycling.html>

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mr orcutt also believes cyclists should be taxed to use the roads he said it was unfair that motorists have to pay all of the costs of building and repairing roads he wrote "currently motorists are paying to use their cars on the roads...so if cars pay for the roads they are using it only makes sense that bicyclists would also be required to pay for the roads they use when they are actually biking on them" dale carlson owner of the tech bike shop said mr orcutt's ideas were wrong he wrote "people who choose to ride a bicycle instead of driving a car actively reduce congestion" he added "they save wear and tear on our roads and bridges and reduce the [need for police] to patrol our highways"

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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HOMEWORK

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about cycling. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. CYCLING: Make a poster about cycling. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. TAX: Write a magazine article about a cycling tax. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against it.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to a cyclist. Ask him/her three questions about a cycling tax. Give him/her three of your opinions on it. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

TRUE / FALSE (p.4)

a F b T c T d T e F f T g F h F

SYNONYM MATCH (p.4)

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|-------------------|-----------------|
| 1. roads | a. highways |
| 2. outline | b. summarise |
| 3. carbon dioxide | c. CO2 |
| 4. greater | d. larger |
| 5. giving off | e. producing |
| 6. motorists | f. car drivers |
| 7. repairing | g. fixing |
| 8. congestion | h. traffic jams |
| 9. wear and tear | i. damage |
| 10. reduce | j. decrease |

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.8)

1. An American lawmaker (called Ed Orcutt)
2. To the owner of a local bike shop
3. Heart rate, respiration and CO2
4. A greenhouse gas
5. You would give off more CO2 riding a bike
6. For using the roads
7. All the costs of building and repairing roads
8. Owner of the Tech Bike Shop
9. Traffic congestion / police patrols
10. They save wear and tear (damage) to them

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.9)

1. b 2. d 3. a 4. c 5. b 6. a 7. c 8. a 9. a 10. d

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)